

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests the admittance of this amendment, to place the claims in a better condition for allowance or appeal. This amendment to claim 1 makes it clear that the claimed "characterization" is a "characterization of the image". The Applicant respectfully suggests that this amendment adds no new matter, and does not require an additional search, because claim 11 as originally filed claims a "characterization of the image".

Respectfully submitted,



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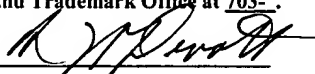
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Twice Amended) A method for characterizing an image comprising:
 - partitioning the image into a plurality of partitions, each partition including a plurality of pixels, each pixel having a color,
 - determining a frequency of occurrence of each color of the plurality of pixels within each partition, and
 - creating a characterization of the image that includes a plurality of measures that are proportional to the frequency of occurrence of a plurality of colors.